
NOVEMBER

Montessori School of Sonoma

Important Dates:

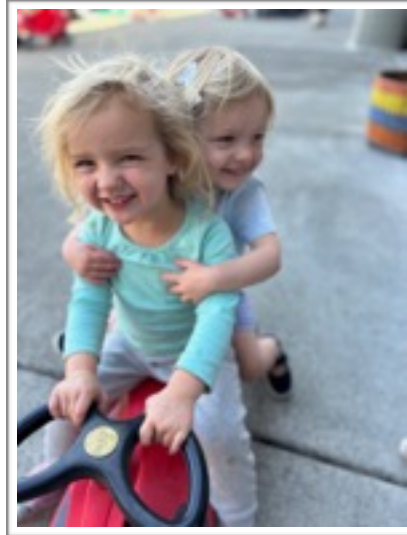
November 6th-9th
Primary Conferences

November 10th
Veterans Day
School Closed

November 14th-16th
Infant & Toddler
Conferences

November 16th
Thanksgiving Feast

November 23-24
Thanksgiving Break
School Closed



“The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.”

~Maria Montessori

Thank You!

Thank you to all of our families who came out to our Open House! Our teachers enjoyed sharing with you about your child's day. Thank you for coming prepared with questions as well as anecdotes about your child's favorite things to do at school. Parent teacher conferences are the next opportunity to sit down and ask questions about your child's day at school. In the mean time, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any concerns that can't wait!

Please Call!

Please communicate when your child will be absent from school! We expect them each day unless you tell us otherwise. Thank you!



School Wide Reminders:

Sign In & Out:

Please remember to sign your child in and out each day. Our sign in sheets are for **adults** to write on only as they are a legal document that require an adults full signature. Thank you!

Labels:

Please check that **all** items coming to school are labeled with your child's name. If a lunch container has a box and a lid, please label both pieces as they can get separated in the lunch room.

Slow Down!

Our parking lot often has children and their parents walking to and from school. Please drive **slowly!**

Please Check:

Please **check** your child's hook for jackets and replenish their extra clothes with warmer items.

Parent Teacher Conferences:

You should have received an email with a link to sign up for a conference time with your child's teacher. If you did not receive this email, please let us know ASAP. School is OPEN on conference days, however we ask that you find accommodations for your child's siblings so that the conference can stay focused on your MSS student. When you arrive for your conference, please check in at the front desk. Our teachers are looking forward to meeting with you all!

Thanksgiving Feast:

You are invited to this years Thanksgiving Feast! Our Thanksgiving Feast will take place at school on Thursday, November 16th from 11am - 12:30pm. All of our students will be preparing a dish with their classes as part of their school day to share with our whole school community. We will be dining on the outside patio in the big play yard (weather permitting). Keep a look out for volunteer sign-ups for those who would like to help out! Please let your child know if you will be leaving the feast alone. This can be an emotional transition time for some children.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who joined us for our annual Harvest Party! It was so fun to see all our families in costume and enjoying Delicious Dish! A big thank you to those who helped with set up and clean up, and brought dessert!

Lunch Inspiration:

Not sure what to pack your child for lunch? Check out our lunch inspiration photos below. Some students enjoy a variety of foods, some children get the same lunch each day. The best lunch is the lunch your child will eat!

Infant Class:



Toddler Class:



Primary & Enrichment:



Infant Corner:



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who came to our Open House! It is so much easier to communicate with you at a childfree time and we hope you had a positive experience. Another time to discuss your child is conferences. These sign ups were already emailed and we know most of you have picked a time slot. During this visit we can share what specific activities your child partakes in at school. We will also touch base on when they will transition out of the infant room if that is approaching. Most importantly we hope to answer any questions or concerns you may have. The milestones of fine motor, gross motor development, language and social interactions will also be addressed.

Our schools annual Thanksgiving Feast will take place at 11:00am on Thursday, November 16th. The feast is a fun time for families to come together to enjoy a meal prepared by all of the children at school. If you choose to not attend, your child will enjoy their regularly scheduled school day, and will get to try all of the food in the infant classroom with their teachers at lunchtime. If you do attend with your family, and your child typically stays for nap, we recommend taking them home after eating lunch as this can be a very emotional transition time for our children of such a young age.

School is closed for Thanksgiving Thursday, November 23 and Friday the 24th. Enjoy your time with your families!

Thank you,

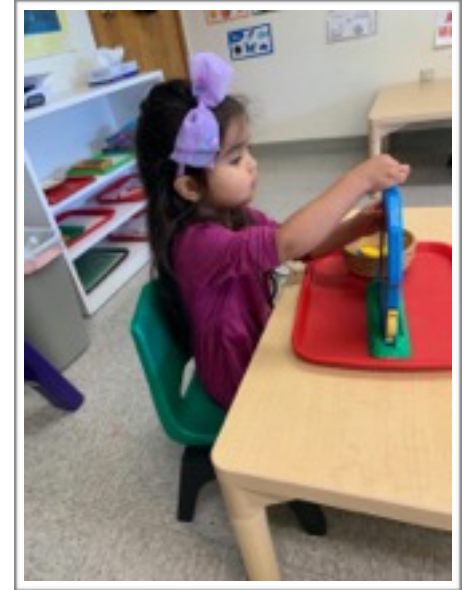
Katherine & Julia



Toddler Corner:

Happy Fall!

It is such a pretty time of year here at our school. The leaves are changing. The sky is so colorful. October kept us busy with marble painting bats, sticker pumpkins, and stamping apples. We had a great time picking our own pumpkins from our school patch and carving our own silly face pumpkin in class. It was great to see everyone at Open House. I hope you learned a bit more of what goes on each day here in the Toddler class.



I'm looking forward to conferences this month. Watch for the sign ups, they were sent to your email. The dates are November 14, 15 and 16. Times will vary. Also, our Feast will be on Thursday Nov. 16th at 11:00. Please put it on your calendar, it's a day you don't want to miss. Our class will be preparing the mashed potatoes, they are sure to be delicious.



Winter clothing. We talked about rain boots and rain suits at open house. Please remember to label both if your child decides to wear them to school. We will be taking them off inside. Also, if your child is sent home with wet clothes please replace with a new set of dry clothes the next day.

The holidays are here and so is gift giving. A few questions to ask yourself before buying the perfect gift:

- *Does this toy do what my child expects it to do?
- *Will my child be able to make this toy work?
- *Is this toy too delicate? Will it break in my child's hands?
- *Do I foresee myself saying SHHHH every time my child uses this?
- *Does this toy have too many pieces to keep track of?
- *Is this toy age appropriate, am I buying this for myself or my child. There are many years of gift giving to come.

Remember your idea of enough is not the same as your child's. Don't resist the urge to buy more of the same things. This is where your child's passions are at this age. Enjoy your child's excitement.

NOVEMBER SONGS....watch for a song sheet coming home with your child.

Thank you,

Christine, Vivian & Claudia



Primary Corner:



Dear Parents,

As part of our Botany curriculum we continue to explore the different parts of the plant we eat: Roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits, and seeds. The rich sensory experience is very exciting for the children, and we invite you to include this concept into your kitchen at home.

By now the students have had much exposure to their written names and its beginning sound. This language skill takes place daily and we expand this practice to a more versatile vocabulary: Athena, Albert, Augie, August, apple, astronaut, alligator, antler, etc. Sometimes we turn this type of learning into a game for the whole group, and plenty of peers generously offer names and words from their home lives.

Sensorial and math is our focus on Wednesdays and while we focus on more of the basics in the morning we dive deeper with older students in the afternoon. Linear counting and skip counting, place value of the decimal system, and fractions all have been introduced and practiced repeatedly. In how many ways can we build any given number opens doors for addition and multiplication. Division is fun because 'We share equally' and everyone appreciates fairness.



Playing the bells has been a great addition for the classrooms. They SING to us and we sing back to them. Matching up a sound and listening to a higher or lower frequency takes precise attention. We are just getting started and it is fun!

Now we begin to learn about our continent of North America. We get out many animal figurines and study different habitats. What animals do we see in our neighborhoods and who is roaming the streets and forests at night? Timing has it that we now connect with friends and families for celebrations and we are filled with gratitude. November is important for building and sharing memories and traditions.

We are looking forward to learning more about your child, family, and your values during our conferences.

Kindly,

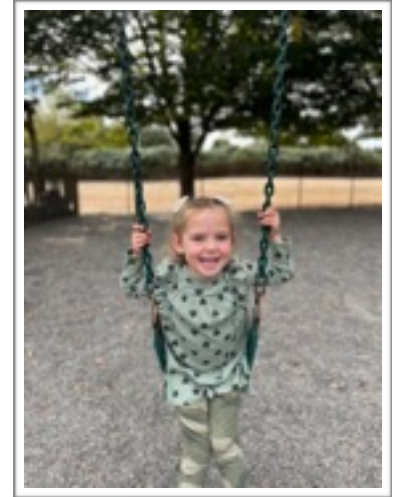
Barbara and Rachel



Childcare Enrichment Corner:

Dear Enrichment Families,

October has been a great month, focusing on our classroom community and working together. We are continuing to do our classroom "jobs", which the children love, giving them a sense of individual pride. We read a lot of Leo Leonni, our Author of the month, next month will be Eric Litwin, who is the creator of the Pete the Cat series!



In Art, we created liquid water color based projects for Leo Leonni's, "A color of his own" chameleon project and some fun sponge painting for a Swimmy piece. We are continually creating in the classroom in many ways. Pumpkins, ghosts and making decorations for the Harvest Party have been a big part of our day recently!

We are cooking on Tuesdays and have enjoyed chopping for fruit salad, cracking eggs, mixing ingredients and whisking for egg bites and pumpkin spiced pancakes.

We have a Peace tent that is new in our classroom, where children can go individually and spend time by themselves. It is a place where they can have quiet time or just sit and read or take care of the baby dolls.

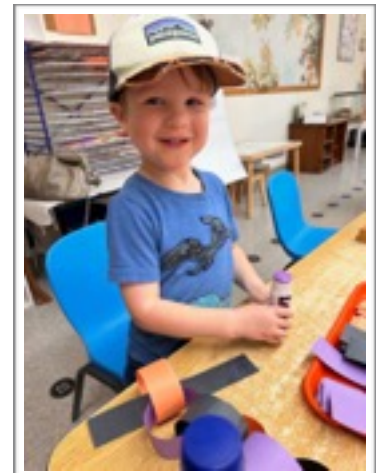
In November, we will be creating art inspired by fine artists and incorporating more music!



Happy Fall!

Warmly,

Lucie & Lindi



NOVEMBER

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 Pajama Day!  | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Veterans Day  NO SCHOOL | 11 |
| Primary Parent Teacher Conferences! | | | | | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14  Happy Birthday Loyal! | 15 | 16  Happy Birthday Lucie and Danielle! Thanksgiving Feast! | 17  Happy Birthday Penelope! | 18 |
| Infant/Toddler Conferences! | | | | | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21  Happy Birthday Charlotte! | 22 | 23  Happy Birthday Barbara and Lindi! Thanksgiving Break! | 24  | 25  Happy Birthday Millie! |
| 26  Happy Birthday Annie! | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |